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 ((TAS CORRESPONDENT A. GRESHNOV DISPATCH "CRUSHING BLOW"))
 ((TEXT)) KABUL, 12 OCT -- UNITS AND SUBUNITS OF THE DRA
 ARMED FORCES ELIMINATED GANGS OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES IN
 VARIOUS PARTS OF KHOWST DISTRICT WHERE THE LATTER HAD ESTABLISHED
 MAJOR STRONG POINTS. LIEUTENANT GENERAL (SHAH NVAZ TANAY),
 CHIEF OF THE DRA ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF, TOLD A TASS
 CORRESPONDENT ABOUT THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL RESULTS OF THE
 OPERATION.
 IN AN EFFORT TO TRANSFORM SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN PARTS OF
 KHOWST INTO AN IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS, THE COUNTERREVOLUTION
 ESTABLISHED MAJOR FORTIFIED AREAS THERE COMPRISING HUNDREDS OF
 FIRE POSITIONS AND DOZENS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION DUMPS. THE
 COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES SPREAD THE MYTH ALLEGING THAT GOVERNMENT
 FORCES WILL NEVER SUCCEED IN DRIVING THEIR DETACHMENTS OUT OF
 THIS AREA.
 THE ROUT OF 77 GANGS IN KHOWST WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED BY THE
 DRA ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF. DURING THE FIGHTING CLOSE
 COOPERATION BETWEEN GROUND FORCES AND THE AIRCRAFT WAS ACHIEVED.
 YOUNG OFFICERS AND SERVICEMEN WHO HAD NOT TAKEN PART IN THIS KIND
 OF OPERATION BEFORE RECEIVED A GOOD TEMPERING. LEADERSHIP WAS
 EFFECTED BY AN OPERATIONAL GROUP OF THE GENERAL STAFF.
 THE UNITS AND SUBUNITS OF THE DRA ARMED FORCES HONORABLY
 DISCHARGED THE TASK THEY HAD BEEN SET. MANY OFFICERS AND MEN

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DISPLAYED COURAGE AND HEROISM DURING THE FIGHTING. AS A RESULT OF THE COMBAT ACTION MORE THAN 2,500 BANDITS WERE KILLED AND 56 ARMS AND AMMUNITION DUMPS DESTROYED. TODAY THE AREA IS ENTIRELY CONTROLLED BY GOVERNMENT FORCES AND PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY HAVE BEEN RESTORED.

THE POLITICAL RESULTS OF THE FIGHTING, (SHAH NVAZ TANAY) NOTED, CONSIST ABOVE ALL IN THE POPULATION'S CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED FAITH IN THE REVOLUTIONARY POWER'S POTENTIAL. FAMILIES WHICH LEFT THEIR MOTHERLAND UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF HOSTILE PROPAGANDA HAVE BEGUN RETURNING FROM PAKISTAN. IT IS NOW EVEN MORE OBVIOUS THAT THE COUNTERREVOLUTION'S ATTEMPTS TO REGAIN LOST INFLUENCE AND TURN BACK THE WHEEL OF TIME ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE. THE HEROIC AFGHAN PEOPLE AND ITS VALOROUS ARMED FORCES WILL EMERGE VICTORIOUS.

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